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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

Alamosa Scoping Meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings), Proximity to Residences

Property Uses:

Comment:

The San Luis Valley has a serious water shortage issue. As part of the proposed well regulation problem, the well users are forming subdistricts to deal with the over appropriation of ground water. Subdistrict 1, lying north and west of Alamosa, is projected to need to dry up 50,000 acres of farm ground to bring it into balance with the aquifer and the likely regulations that will require that balance.

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It seems very reasonable for this power line and future PV powerplants to be located on farm ground and the money available for the real estate transaction to be used to assist in taking farm ground out of production. This will make the water that was used on that farm ground available to the subdistrict for augmentation on other farm ground.

Please discontinue any consideration for placing PV plants on BLM ground. This DOES NOT HELP OUR COMMUNITY and only serves to lessen the initial cost of the real estate. Please consult with the people involved in Subdistrict 1 and contact the Colorado State Engineers office to better understand the potential positive effect that the proper location of both the line and future power plants can have.

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I-143-001: Water Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to water resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

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